

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE AT THE PUBLIC EXPENSE FOR THE EDUCATION
OF THE CHILDREN OF THIS STATE WHO FROM ANY CAUSE ARE UNABLE
TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DAY TIME.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the board of school directors of any independent school district in the State upon the application of the parents of twenty-five or more pupils above the age of eight years resident of said school district to open a free evening school for their tuition in orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic and such other branches as may be deemed advisable and to keep open said schools for a term of not less than four months in each year, each of the said months to consist of twenty days and each of said days an evening session of at least two hours ; *provided, however,* that when the average daily attendance for one month falls below fifteen daily said board of school directors may at their option close said evening school for the remainder of said term.

SEC. 2. That upon such application the board of school directors shall proceed without unnecessary delay to hire a competent teacher and open said evening school in a convenient location ; *provided, however,* that two or more contiguous school districts may at any time unite in the establishment and support of one or more evening schools, and contribute pro rata to the expense of their maintenance.

SEC. 3. That the qualifications of teachers for said evening schools shall be the same as those for the teachers of the public schools of the State as already made and provided or as may hereafter be made and provided by law.

SEC. 4. That the expenses for the support and maintenance of said evening schools shall be defrayed out of the taxes raised for the support of the common or public schools of the State ; *provided,* that said school board may in making their estimates for the school year allow and set aside a certain sum for the support and maintenance of said evening schools and levy and collect their tax rate accordingly.

SEC. 5. That no pupil shall be admitted to said evening schools who is unemployed during the day or in actual attendance upon any school during the day, private or public.